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1. KKE leaders have issued an order to the Party to exercise direct control over the Pan-Democratic Front and the labor union sector. This is the result of the discovery that in these two fields KKE is not benefited by the policy being followed by Deputy Dionysios Christakos. They say that Christakos is following his own personal line and is exploiting his advantageous position as a Deputy and as director of the newspaper Democratikos. They also claim that Christakos has not made enough of a campaign in his newspaper regarding the Korean question and the Peace Front.

2. Another basic reason for assigning direct control over the Pan-Democratic Front to the Party is the failure with Professor Nicholas Kitsikis, for which Christakos is blamed. Around 12 September 1950 Kitsikis went to the office of the Democratikos to meet General Alexander Othoneos, Deputy Neocosmos Gregoriades and Michael Kyrkos. He was to discuss with them the unified activity of EIO and the Pan-Democratic Front under KKE leadership in the coming municipal elections.

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3. In spite of all this, the leadership of KKE is not trying to remove Christakos from the posts which he holds in the Pan-Democratic Front and other Party organizations because he has the friendship and support of Avra Sideridou*, an important KKE leader, and because he is popular with the people.
4. The order issued to the Party to exercise direct control over the labor union sector is caused by the fact that the Secretariat of ESKE is developing weaknesses because of its one-party policy. To these weaknesses is attributed the success of the Executive Committee of the GSEE in exposing ESKE as representing only the Communist faction of workers.
5. In order to give strength to the Party line, the KKE has placed in the ESKE Secretariat a Party member named Economou (fnv), who is secretary of the Textile Workers' Union.

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